

# ORAL CAVITY & PHARYNX CANCERS IN ILLINOIS

## ORAL CAVITY CANCER

**70%** of oral cavity cancer cases in Illinois are men.

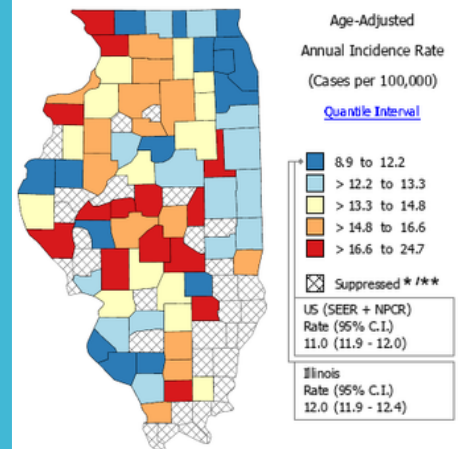


- Fewer males (25%) than females (38%) are diagnosed at an early stage.
- Black men have a 25% lower rate of incidence but a 50% higher rate of death.
- People who live in rural areas have 15% higher rate of diagnosis and a 23% higher rate of death.

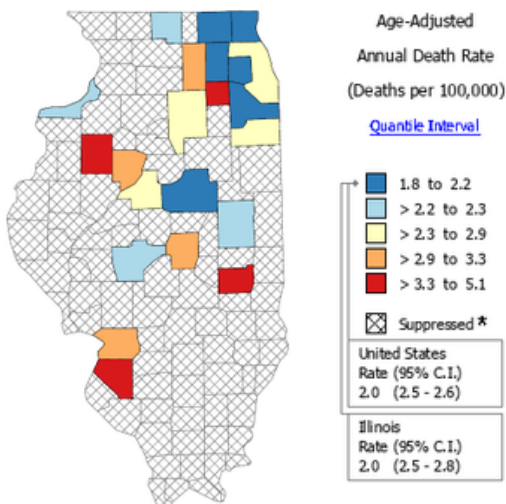
### PROTECTIVE FACTORS:

- Limit alcohol and tobacco use.
- Maintain a normal BMI.
- Have a healthy diet.
- Be mindful of sun exposure.
- Good oral health may lessen risk.
- Adopt habits that will strengthen your immune system.

Incidence Rates<sup>†</sup> for Illinois by County  
Oral Cavity & Pharynx, 2016 - 2020  
All Races (includes Hispanic), Both Sexes, All Ages



Death Rates for Illinois by County  
Oral Cavity & Pharynx, 2016 - 2020  
All Races (includes Hispanic), Both Sexes, All Ages



## PHARYNX CANCERS

\*cancers of the hypopharynx, oropharynx, and nasopharynx

### PROTECTIVE FACTORS:

- Get vaccinated for HPV as recommended by your health provider.
  - Limit alcohol and tobacco use.
  - Good oral health may lessen risk.
  - Have a healthy diet.
  - Maintain a normal BMI.
- Overall, about 455 men and 73 women per 100,000 are diagnosed yearly.
  - According to CDC, 70% of all oropharyngeal cancers in the United States are caused by HPV.
  - About 62% of Illinois adolescents ages 13-15 are up to date with their HPV vaccinations.